

VIEW OF PORT ARTHUR, SHOWING THE GREAT DAM ACROSS THE HARBOR.

There was substantial ground for objection to the nomination of the members of that board (Sellers, Keozell) was also a member of the General Assembly. Senator Sears expressed doubt as to the eligibility of a member of the Legislature to serve on the commission, and while many of the commission members agree with him in this contention, it was deemed best to leave no question as to constitutionality as a ground of objection to the bill when it comes up in the Senate.

Mr. Sears and Mr. Shands made the fight in the committee against the commission of three and against selecting two members of Tidewater. It was Mr. Shands who proposed the committee of five, the idea doubtless being that the majority outside of Tidewater would be smaller on such a commission than in one of three members.

**No Provision for Deadlock.**

Apparently no provision has been made in the event of a vacancy for breaking a deadlock. Presumably, it is assumed that an up-country member died or resigned, leaving the four remaining members. It would have to select his successor from the same locality or section. But there might easily be a deadlock as to the person to be chosen, with two Tidewater members favoring one man and the other two another.

The bill provides for a per diem of \$10 a day, actually engaged in the